Although an interesting animal from the naturalist's standpoint, there can be no question that *Pteropus hypomelanus maris* is a sore trial to the villagers of Addu Atoll.

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3. WILD ELEPHANTS IN THE UNION OF BURMA

(Supplementary Note)

KHEDDAH OPERATIONS

In December 1956 [JBNHS 54 (1): 177] I gave a statement of wild elephants captured in Burma from 1945-46 to 1951-52. Below is a statement of elephants captured from 1952-53 to 1956-57:

	Number captured	Number died, released, or escaped	Balance
1952-53			82
1953-54			78
1954-55	59	4	55
1955-56	98	13	85
1956-57	161	23	138

DESTRUCTION OF WILD ELEPHANTS

The insurgents are reported to have shot a large number of tuskers for the ivory in the Arakan Yomas. The same thing has happened in the Kachin State, where a number of wild elephants were illicitly shot for the ivory by the hill tribes. The ivory is taken across to China for disposal.

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